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WESTERN HEMISPHERE BRIEF 104-75-4

3: //ARGENTINA: THE GENERAL STRIKE IN ARGENTINA HAS STOPPED VIRTUALLY ALL PRODUCTION AND MOST OTHER ECONOMIC ACTIVITY, AS WORKERS PROTEST PRESIDENT PERON'S WAGE POLICY. THE TWO-DAY STOPPAGE HAS REACHED THE HALF-WAY MARK WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT INCIDENT.//4

//PERONIST POLITICIANS AND LABOR LEADERS REPORTEDLY MET ON JULY 7 AND AGREED ON A PROPOSAL FORMALIZING THEIR CALL FOR THE REMOVAL OF MINISTER OF ECONOMY CELESTINO RODRIGO AND SOCIAL WELFARE MINISTER JOSE LOPEZ REGA. THE PROPOSAL, WHICH INDICATED SOME FLEXIBILITY ON ECONOMIC ISSUES AT DISPUTE, WAS TAKEN TO THE PRESIDENT'S RESIDENCE ON JULY 7.//4

//MORE IMPORTANT, LATER IN THE EVENING THE COMMANDERS OF ARGENTINA'S THREE ARMED SERVICES AND THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE CALLED ON THE PRESIDENT TO INFORM HER THAT THEY SUPPORTED THE PERONIST PROPOSAL AND THAT SHE HAD UNTIL JULY 12 TO ACT ON IT. [REDACTED] 25X1C

[REDACTED] THEY WERE ALSO TO TELL HER THAT THE DRAFT LAW

ON PRESIDENTIAL SUCCESSION WOULD NOT BE APPROVED AS SHE WISHED.//4
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//MRS. PERON HAS RESISTED ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATIONS RODRIGO

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AND LOPEZ REGA SUBMITTED WITH THE REST OF THE CABINET'S ON JULY 6.
LOPEZ REGA, EVEN IF EASED OUT OF THE CABINET, WOULD PROBABLY REMAIN
THE PRESIDENT'S PRIVATE SECRETARY AND CLOSEST ADVISER. {SECRET
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2. M/MEXICO: MEXICAN PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA ON JULY 8 BEGINS A
40-DAY TRIP TO 13 ASIAN, MIDDLE EASTERN, AFRICAN AND CARIBBEAN
NATIONS, INCLUDING CUBA. //4

//ECHEVERRIA, A WELL-TRAVELED PRESIDENT, REGARDS THIS AS THE
MOST IMPORTANT TRIP OF HIS ADMINISTRATION. HE HOPES IT WILL
STRENGTHEN MEXICO'S AND HIS OWN TIES WITH NONALIGNED COUNTRIES AND
LAY THE GROUNDWORK FOR INCREASED TRADE. //4

//HIGH ON THE AGENDA AT EACH STOP WILL BE ECHEVERRIA'S DESIRE
TO BECOME THE NEXT SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UN-- THE MEXICAN PRESS
HAS BEEN SPECULATING ON AN ECHEVERRIA CANDIDACY FOR SEVERAL WEEKS. //4

//THE PRESIDENT IS CERTAIN TO DWELL AT LENGTH ON THE UN CHARTER
OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES, WHICH HE SPONSORED. THE
CHARTER, WHICH AIMS AT REORDERING INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ACTIVITY,
IS HIS CHIEF CLAIM TO RECOGNITION AMONG THE UNALIGNED. //4

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[REDACTED] ECHEVERRIA

SAID THAT HE EXPECTS TO BE UNDER GREAT PRESSURE DURING THE TRIP TO JOIN THE ORGANIZATION OF PETROLEUM EXPORTING COUNTRIES AND THE NON-ALIGNED GROUP. ECHEVERRIA SAID HE WANTS GOOD RELATIONS WITH BOTH GROUPS, BUT MAINTAINED STOUTLY THAT HE WILL JOIN NEITHER.//4

//WHILE IN THE MIDDLE EAST, ECHEVERRIA IS EXPECTED TO MEET WITH LEADERS OF THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION.//4

//ECHEVERRIA HAS LONG WANTED TO MEET WITH CUBAN PRIME MINISTER CASTRO. IN RECENT WEEKS, TWO CARIBBEAN LEADERS--TRINIDAD-TOBAGO'S WILLIAMS AND GUYANA'S BURNHAM--HAVE GONE TO CUBA, AND ECHEVERRIA APPARENTLY NOW CONSIDERS IT IMPORTANT TO DEMONSTRATE THAT HIS FOREIGN POLICY IS AS BOLD AND INDEPENDENT.//4

//ECHEVERRIA WILL BE VISITING SENEGAL, ALGERIA, TANZANIA, IRAN, INDIA, SRI LANKA, EGYPT, SAUDI ARABIA, KUWAIT, ISRAEL, TRINIDAD-TOBAGO, GUYANA, AND CUBA. HE WILL SPEND ABOUT THREE DAYS IN EACH COUNTRY. (CONFIDENTIAL NO FOREIGN DISSEM) //4 E-2 IMPDET-H

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EAST ASIA BRIEF 105-75.4

1. JAPAN: TAKEO MIKI'S OPERATING STYLE AND LAST-MINUTE REVERSES IN HIS FIRST DIET SESSION AS PRIME MINISTER HAVE CAUSED SOME RESENTMENT WITHIN THE RULING LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (LDP), BUT HE PROBABLY WILL RIDE OUT HIS CURRENT DIFFICULTIES AND LEAD THE PARTY INTO A GENERAL ELECTION--MOST LIKELY IN DECEMBER.4

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN YEARS, TWO BUDGET-RELATED PROPOSALS FAILED TO REACH A FINAL VOTE BEFORE THE DIET ADJOURNED ON JULY 4, AN OUTCOME THAT SHOCKED LDP LEADERS AND OVERSHADOWED MIKI'S OTHERWISE SATISFACTORY LEGISLATIVE PERFORMANCE. THE SETBACK ALSO TOUCHED OFF A NEW ROUND OF COMPLAINING AMONG RANK-AND-FILE PARTY MEMBERS DISSATISFIED WITH MIKI'S TACTIC OF COOPERATING WITH THE POLITICAL OPPPOSITION AT THE OCCASIONAL EXPENSE OF LDP UNITY. PREVIOUSLY, A DOZEN LDP MEMBERS HAD ABSTAINED FROM VOTING ON AN ELECTORAL REFORM BILL--A MOVE THAT NEARLY LED TO THE DEFEAT OF ONE OF MIKI'S MAJOR REFORM PROPOSALS.4

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TERRITORY, IS READY TO MAKE SUCH AN ABOUT-FACE. HE CONSIDERS THE BORDER ACCORD WITH MOROCCO A DEAD ISSUE, AND LAST NOVEMBER HE ANNOUNCED PLANS TO PUSH AHEAD WITH UNILATERAL EXPLOITATION OF THE IRON DEPOSITS IN SOUTHWESTERN ALGERIA.

ALGERIA'S POSITION MAY BECOME CLEARER WHEN IT MAKES AN ORAL PRESENTATION THIS WEEK TO THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE, WHICH IS TO GIVE AN ADVISORY OPINION ON LEGAL ASPECTS OF THE SAHARAN DISPUTE. ALGERIA'S FUTURE POLICY TOWARD THE POLISARIO FRONT, A PRO-INDEPENDENCE SAHARAN PARTY THAT ALGIERS HAS BEEN BACKING, WILL BE ANOTHER INDICATOR OF THE DEGREE OF ALGERIAN SUPPORT FOR MOROCCO'S CLAIM TO THE SAHARA.

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PHOSPHATE-RICH NORTHERN REGION GOING TO MOROCCO AND THE SOUTHERN PORTION, CONTAINING IRON ORE DEPOSITS, TO MAURITANIA. 4

THE COMMUNIQUE ALSO STATED THAT MOROCCO AND ALGERIA WERE DETERMINED TO IMPLEMENT PROJECTS THAT HAVE BEEN AGREED TO BUT NEVER ACTED UPON. THIS PRESUMABLY REFERS TO AN ACCORD SIGNED IN 1972 PROVIDING FOR JOINT EXPLOITATION OF IRON DEPOSITS IN SOUTHWESTERN ALGERIA AND TO AN ACCOMPANYING BORDER AGREEMENT IN WHICH MOROCCO RENOUNCED ALL CLAIMS TO ALGERIAN TERRITORY. RABAT'S FAILURE TO RATIFY THE BORDER AGREEMENT, IN PART BECAUSE MOROCCAN POLITICAL PARTIES DENOUNCED IT, HAS BEEN A MAJOR STICKING POINT IN RELATIONS WITH ALGERIA. ALGIERS RATIFIED THE BORDER AGREEMENT IN 1973.

SO FAR, THERE HAS BEEN NO CONFIRMATION OF THE UNDERSTANDING FROM ALGIERS OTHER THAN PUBLICATION OF THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE, WHICH IS SUFFICIENTLY VAGUE TO ALLOW ALGERIA ROOM FOR MANEUVER. WE DOUBT THAT PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENE, WHO HAS CONSISTENTLY OPPOSED MOROCCO'S CLAIM AND HAS SUPPORTED SELF-DETERMINATION FOR THE

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SULEIMAN SAID THEY WERE SOVIET FACILITIES AND THAT HE
COULD NOT GIVE PERMISSION FOR THE GROUP TO ENTER. 4

THE MISSILE HANDLING AND SUPPORT FACILITY WAS
ALSO GUARDED BY SOMALIS. ONLY THE SENATOR AND FOUR
OTHERS WERE PERMITTED TO ENTER. THEY WERE ESCORTED
THROUGH THE FACILITY BY A SOMALI WHO ALLEGEDLY WAS
THE COMMANDING OFFICER, BUT WHO WAS UNABLE TO ANSWER
QUESTIONS PUT TO HIM. 4

WHEN MEMBERS OF THE INSPECTION GROUP IDENTIFIED
A STYX MISSILE CRATE, THEY WERE TOLD THAT THE SOMALIS
HAVE STYX MISSILES BUT DO NOT YET HAVE THE BOATS ON WHICH
TO INSTALL THEM. US TECHNICIANS CONFIRMED THAT THE CHECK-OUT BUIL
IS CAPABLE OF HANDLING A WIDE RANGE OF MISSILES USED IN SUPPORT OF
THE SOVIET NAVY AND IS LARGER THAN WOULD BE REQUIRED
FOR HANDLING THE STYX MISSILES ALONE. 4

THE TOUR ALSO INCLUDED PETROLEUM FACILITIES AND THE
RECENTLY IDENTIFIED LARGE NEW AIRFIELD. BOTH ARE STILL
UNDER CONSTRUCTION, AND SOVIET EQUIPMENT REMAINS AT THE SITES. 4

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MIDDLE EAST AFRICA BRIEF 105-75-4

1. SOMALIA: DURING A TOUR OF BERBERA, SOMALIA, ON JULY 4, SENATOR BARTLETT AND A GROUP OF US GOVERNMENT AND NEWS REPRESENTATIVES WERE ABLE TO SUBSTANTIATE US INTELLIGENCE REPORTS ON THE NATURE OF MILITARY FACILITIES IN THE AREA AND THEIR USE BY THE SOVIETS. 4

THE GROUP FOUND SOVIET CITIZENS AND RUSSIAN-LANGUAGE MATERIAL IN THE BARRACKS BUILDINGS AND RESIDENTIAL TRAILERS IN A COMPOUND IDENTIFIED [REDACTED] AS A SOVIET RESIDENTIAL AREA. THE BARRACKS AND REPAIR SHIP IN PORT WERE FLYING BOTH THE SOVIET FLAG AND A SOMALI ENSIGN. 4

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THE SOMALI OFFICIAL ESCORTING THE SENATOR'S PARTY, COLONEL AHMED SULEIMAN OF THE SOMALI SECURITY SERVICE, WAS NOT AUTHORIZED TO PERMIT THE PARTY TO GO ABOARD THE SHIP, WHICH WAS UNDER SOVIET GUARD. 4

THE GROUP WAS BARRED FROM BOTH THE TRANSMITTING AND RECEIVING SITES OF THE COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY. ALTHOUGH THESE SITES WERE GUARDED BY ARMED SOMALI SOLDIERS,

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THAT THE REFERENCE TO FOREIGN BASES INCLUDED NOT
ONLY US NAVY FACILITIES IN BAHRAIN AND SOVIET INSTALLATIONS IN
IRAQ. [REDACTED] THIS IS 25XJC
THE FIRST TIME THAT [REDACTED] HAVE BEEN MENTIONED 25X1D
SINCE THE GULF STATES BEGAN TALKING ABOUT A SECURITY ARRANGEMENT.
[REDACTED] OFFICIAL'S COMMENT MAY NOT, IN FACT, HAVE ACCURATELY
REFLECTED THE TALKS BETWEEN FAHD AND THE SHAH. 4

DESPITE AGREEMENT WITH THE IRANIANS ON OPPOSITION TO
FOREIGN ACTIVITY IN THE PERSIAN GULF—A POSITION ALREADY SPELLED
OUT IN SAUDI POLICY STATEMENTS—THE SAUDIS APPARENTLY SHOWED
LITTLE ENTHUSIASM FOR TEHRAN'S PROPOSED GULF SECURITY.

CONFERENCE. THE SAUDI SIDE 25X1C

DEMURRED WHEN THE IRANIANS TRIED TO INSERT LANGUAGE IN THE
COMMUNIQUE ENDORSING THE HOLDING OF SUCH A CONFERENCE

SOON. THE SAUDIS ARE CONTENDING, [REDACTED] 25X1C
THAT COMPLETE AGREEMENT ON SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD BE
WORKED OUT BILATERALLY BEFORE ANY SUCH CONFERENCE IS HELD--THUS
ENSURING THAT THE SMALLER GULF STATES ARE NOT FORCED TO

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IN A MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SIAD ON JULY 5, SENATOR BARTLETT COMMENTED THAT THE GROUP HAD BEEN ADMITTED TO ALL FACILITIES TO WHICH THE SOMALI GOVERNMENT AND COLONEL SULEIMAN COULD OBTAIN ADMITTANCE. HE QUOTED SULEIMAN'S STATEMENT THAT IF IT WERE IN HIS POWER, THE GROUP WOULD HAVE BEEN PERMITTED TO ENTER SOVIET FACILITIES AS WELL. PRESIDENT SIAD DID NOT RESPOND TO THAT COMMENT. {SECRET}4

2. SAUDI ARABIA - IRAN: THE SAUDIS REPORT THAT CROWN PRINCE FAHD HELD "USEFUL" DISCUSSIONS ON THE "GENERAL SUBJECT" OF PERSIAN GULF SECURITY DURING HIS VISIT TO IRAN LAST WEEK.4

ACCORDING TO THE FINAL COMMUNIQUE, THE TWO SIDES AGREED THAT THE GULF SHOULD REMAIN A "PEACEFUL, SECURE, AND STABLE REGION, FREE FROM FOREIGN INTERFERENCE. MOREOVER, THE NECESSITY FOR KEEPING THE REGION FREE FROM FOREIGN BASES WAS CONFIRMED."



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BELGRADE'S MEDIA HAVE BEEN SILENT THUS FAR ON THE RESULTS IN EAST BERLIN, SUGGESTING THAT THE YUGOSLAVS DO NOT AT THIS TIME WANT TO MAKE A PUBLIC ISSUE OVER THE DIFFERENCES. SINCE THE BERLIN SESSION, HOWEVER, BELGRADE HAS CRITICIZED BOTH THE CZECHOSLOVAKS AND THE SOVIETS FOR PUSHING THEIR PROGRAM IN OTHER FORUMS. THE YUGOSLAVS HAVE TAKEN PARTICULAR AIM AT PROMINENT SOVIET PARTY OFFICIALS MIKHAIL SUSLOV AND BORIS PONOMAREV FOR USING THE OCCASION OF THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COMIN SEVENTH CONGRESS TO ATTACK THE CHINESE AND TO CALL FOR "MONOLITHIC" UNITY OF ALL COMMUNIST PARTIES. {CONFIDENTIAL} E-2 IMPDET.H

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WORDING IN THE PROPOSED DOCUMENTS THAT COULD LATER BE USED TO BIND INDIVIDUAL PARTIES TO JOINT ACTIONS UNDER SOVIET DIRECTION. IF THE FRENCH PARTY, AS MOJSOV CLAIMS, HAS JOINED THOSE OPPOSING THE SOVIETS, THE TIDE IS RUNNING AGAINST MOSCOW.⁴

ALEKSANDR GRLICKOV, THE YUGOSLAV PARTY'S TOP EXPERT ON INTER-PARTY AFFAIRS, ALSO HAS REFERRED INDIRECTLY TO DIFFERENCES IN BERLIN. ON JULY 3, GRLICKOV STRESSED THAT ALTHOUGH NO COMPROMISES HAVE DEVELOPED, ALL SIDES--INCLUDING THE SOVIETS--WANT TO RECONCILE DIFFERENCES. HE SAID THAT THE SOVIETS CONTINUE TO PUSH "UNACCEPTABLE ISSUES" MAINLY AS A BARGAINING TACTIC IN THE PROTRACTED PREPARATIONS, WHICH HE SAID COULD DRAG ON THROUGH THE END OF THE YEAR. GRLICKOV'S COMMENTS SUGGEST THAT THE YUGOSLAVS BELIEVE MOSCOW WILL MAKE FURTHER COMPROMISES ON THE SUBJECT OF BINDING DOCUMENTS TO GAIN BROADER ATTENDANCE AT A EUROPEAN MEETING.⁴

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PARTICIPANTS WOULD ASSUME FINLAND'S COSTS OF BEGINNING PREPARATIONS FOR THE FOUR-DAY, HEADS-OF-STATE MEETING. 4

//EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS ARE MEETING IN ROME TUESDAY, AND A FIRM DECISION TO SUPPORT THE FRENCH PROPOSAL COULD BE DECISIVE IN BREAKING THE DEADLOCK. LAST NIGHT, CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS AGREED TO POSTPONE THEIR NEXT SESSION UNTIL THIS EVENING TO ALLOW MORE TIME FOR INFORMAL NEGOTIATIONS AND FURTHER CONSULTATIONS. {CONFIDENTIAL} //4

2. CONTINUING IMPASSE ON DOCUMENTS FOR EUROPEAN COMMUNIST CONFERENCE: ANOTHER "SHARP DIVISION" OF OPINION MARKED LAST WEEK'S MEETING IN EAST BERLIN OF THE WORKING GROUP THAT IS DRAFTING DOCUMENTS FOR THE CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTIES, A YUGOSLAV DIPLOMAT REPORTS. 4

DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER MOJSOV SAID IN BELGRADE ON JULY 2 THAT THE MEETING HAD LEFT THE SOVIET, EAST GERMAN, AND DANISH PARTIES AT ODDS WITH THE YUGOSLAV, ITALIAN, FRENCH, ROMANIAN, AND SPANISH CONTINGENTS. THE FIVE INDEPENDENT PARTIES ADAMANTLY OPPOSE ANY

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EUROPEAN BRIEF 105-75.4

1. EUROPEAN SECURITY CONFERENCE: FINLAND ANNOUNCED MONDAY THAT IT WAS NO LONGER POSSIBLE TO STAGE A SUMMIT-LEVEL FINALE TO THE EUROPEAN SECURITY CONFERENCE IN HELSINKI ON JULY 28, STATING THAT A MINIMUM OF THREE WEEKS ADVANCE NOTICE IS REQUIRED TO MAKE THE NECESSARY PREPARATIONS. FOR EVERY DAY THE CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS FAIL TO REACH AGREEMENT IN GENEVA, THEREFORE, THE SUMMIT IN HELSINKI WILL BE DELAYED AN ADDITIONAL DAY AS WELL.4

AGREEMENT ON SETTING A DATE FOR A SUMMIT HAS BEEN HELD UP IN GENEVA BY THE DEMANDS OF SEVERAL SMALLER WESTERN AND NEUTRAL STATES THAT FURTHER PROGRESS MUST FIRST BE MADE TOWARD SETTLING UNRESOLVED ISSUES. TURKEY AND MALTA ARE MOST FIRMLY OPPOSED TO SETTING A DATE, AND THE NETHERLANDS, BELGIUM, SPAIN, AND ROMANIA HAVE ALSO RAISED OBJECTIONS.4

//OVER THE WEEKEND, TENTATIVE AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON MOST OUTSTANDING EAST-WEST ISSUES, AND MONDAY A TENTATIVE, BUT STILL FRAGILE, COMPROMISE WAS WORKED OUT ON FOLLOW-ON PROCEDURES FOR THE CONFERENCE. THE FRENCH NOW APPEAR WILLING TO AGREE TO ADDITIONAL

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FOLLOW-UP MEETINGS OF SENIOR OFFICIALS AND A POSSIBLE SECOND
 CONFERENCE.//4

TURKISH DEMANDS FOR A SPECIAL CLAUSE EXEMPTING THEM FROM CERTAIN PROVISIONS CONCERNING CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES AND ANKARA'S INSISTENCE ON TURKISH-CYPRIOT REPRESENTATION IN HELSINKI REMAIN AS THE MAJOR OBSTACLES TO AGREEMENT.//WESTERN DELEGATES BELIEVE THAT MOST OF THE RESISTANCE CONCERNING CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES IS COMING FROM THE TURKISH MILITARY, AND THEY ARE HOPING THAT THE WEST GERMANS CAN APPLY SUFFICIENT PRESSURE WHEN THE CHIEF OF TURKISH ARMED FORCES, GENERAL SANCAR, VISITS BONN FROM JULY 7 TO 10. MAJOR DEMARCHE ARE ALSO BEING MADE IN ANKARA IN HOPES OF FORCING A CHANGE OF POLICY WHEN THE TURKISH CABINET MEETS WEDNESDAY.//4

MOST OF THE DEBATE IN GENEVA MONDAY CENTERED ON A FRENCH PROPOSAL ESTABLISHING THE END OF JULY AS A TARGET DATE FOR THE SUMMIT, WHILE GIVING THE PARTICIPANTS UNTIL JULY 12 TO WORK OUT THEIR DIFFERENCES ON THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUES. IF THE JULY 12 DEADLINE IS NOT MET, THE HELSINKI SUMMIT WILL BE POSTPONED AND CONFERENCE

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OF THE PAST WEEK SHOULD SUBSIDE SOMEWHAT NOW THAT THE DIET HAS ADJOURNED. 4

EVEN SO, ONE OF MIKI'S MAJOR STRATEGEMS-USING OPPOSITION SUPPORT AS LEVERAGE WITHIN HIS OWN PARTY TO PUSH VARIOUS REFORM PROPOSALS-HAS BEEN DAMAGED. LACKING A STRONG POWER BASE OF HIS OWN, HE WILL AT LEAST HAVE TO ASSUAGE SOME OF THE RESENTMENT WITHIN HIS PARTY AND, IN ALL LIKELIHOOD, REMAIN MORE SENSITIVE TO THIS CONSIDERATION IN THE FUTURE. OTHERWISE, MIKI IS BANKING ON A GRADUAL ECONOMIC UPTURN AND FAVORABLE PUBLICITY FROM HIS TRIP TO THE US NEXT MONTH-AND FROM A SIMILAR TRIP BY THE EMPEROR IN OCTOBER-TO SET THE STAGE FOR A SUCCESSFUL GENERAL ELECTION NEAR THE END OF THE YEAR. {CONFIDENTIAL}4

2. MALAYSIA-CHINA: KUALA LUMPUR IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY DISSATISFIED WITH ITS RELATIONS WITH PEKING. 4

THE MALAYSIANS HAD SOME MISGIVINGS OVER THE OPENING OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE CHINESE A YEAR AGO, BUT FOR A TIME WERE REASSURED BY PEKING'S CORRECT BEHAVIOR. HOWEVER,

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THEY WERE UPSET IN APRIL WHEN THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY SENT ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS TO THE MALAYAN COMMUNIST PARTY.

PRIME MINISTER RAZAK WAS EXTREMELY IRRITATED OVER THIS, EVEN THOUGH THE CHINESE HAD ATTEMPTED TO IMPRESS ON HIM DURING HIS VISIT TO PEKING LAST YEAR THAT MORAL SUPPORT TO LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IS NOT INCOMPATIBLE WITH AMICABLE STATE RELATIONS. ALTHOUGH THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT THE CHINESE ARE MATERIALLY AIDING THE MALAYAN COMMUNIST PARTY, THE MESSAGE COINCIDED WITH A SPURT IN TERRORISM THAT HAD ALREADY RAISED MALAYSIAN CONCERN OVER THE CONSEQUENCES OF COMMUNIST VICTORIES IN INDOCHINA.⁴

NOW, THE MALAYSIAN GOVERNMENT IS ALSO DISTRESSED OVER GROWING CHINESE EMBASSY CONTACTS WITH MALAYSIAN CHINESE, WHICH KUALA LUMPUR DESCRIBES AS BEING "ON THE FRINGES OF THE DIPLOMATICALLY ACCEPTABLE." MALAYSIAN LIMITS ON DIPLOMATIC PROPRIETY IN THIS CASE ARE EXTREMELY NARROW; SOME MALAYSIANS SEE THE EMBASSY'S CULTIVATION OF LOCAL CHINESE AS CONFIRMING THEIR FEARS THAT A CHINESE DIPLOMATIC PRESENCE

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• WOULD LEAD TO SUBVERSION. 4

TO SHOW ITS DISPLEASURE, KUALA LUMPUR HAS DECIDED TO SCALE DOWN CULTURAL AND OTHER EXCHANGES. IT HAS CANCELED THE VISIT OF A CHINESE ACROBATIC TROUPE AND HAS POSTPONED THE VISIT OF A TRADE MISSION TO CHINA. TRADE RELATIONS WITH THE CHINESE HAVE NOT, IN FACT, LIVED UP TO EXPECTATIONS. 4

NEVERTHELESS, RAPPROCHEMENT WITH PEKING REMAINS CENTRAL TO MALAYSIA'S NONALIGNED FOREIGN POLICY. KUALA LUMPUR'S CURRENT DISAPPOINTMENT MAY, HOWEVER, REINFORCE THE CAUTIOUS ATTITUDE OF INDONESIA AND SINGAPORE TOWARD DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH THE CHINESE. {CONFIDENTIAL} 4

3. SOVIET UNION-SINGAPORE JOINT FISHING VENTURE: THE SOVIET UNION AND SINGAPORE ESTABLISHED A \$12-MILLION JOINT COMMERCIAL FISHING VENTURE LAST MONTH. PARTICIPATION IN THE NEW COMPANY, MARISCO, WILL ALLOW THE SOVIETS TO EXPAND OPERATIONS IN THE WESTERN PACIFIC AND EASTERN INDIAN OCEAN WHERE SOVIET FISHING HAS BEEN MINIMAL. 4

MARISCO WILL SUPPLY FISH AND OTHER SEAFOOD

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PRODUCTS TO SINGAPORE AND OTHER MARKETS. SINGAPORE ALSO WILL SERVE AS A BUNKERING AND SHIP-REPAIR FACILITY FOR SOVIET FISHING SHIPS. THE SOVIETS APPROACHED INDONESIA AND THE PHILIPPINES TO SET UP FACILITIES FOR SHIP REPAIR, BUT MANILA REBUFFED THE OFFER, AND INDONESIA'S DECISION IS PENDING. 4

JOINT VENTURE SCHEMES HAVE BEEN OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE IN THE EXPANSION OF SOVIET FISHING OPERATIONS; AT LEAST SEVEN HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED TO DATE. MOSCOW NOT ONLY ACQUIRES USE OF MUCH-NEEDED PORT FACILITIES AND THE RIGHT TO FISH IN COASTAL WATERS OF OTHER COUNTRIES, BUT ALSO HAS A READY MARKET FOR ITS FISH PRODUCTS. MOREOVER, THE USSR WILL BE ABLE TO COMMIT A PART OF ITS OVERTSUPPLY OF FISHING SUPPORT SHIPS TO THE JOINT-VENTURE FLEET AS AN ELEMENT OF ITS CONTRIBUTION TO THE NEW COMPANY. {SECRET} E-2 IMPDET.H

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